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Great, thanks Donna. Hopefully we'll know more after the court hearing tonight.

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To: Hutchings, Pamela G
Subject: EO Hold/ EDMS
Date: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 9:13:31 PM

H Pam,

I had a call with Lynn this afternoon and she had a few scenarios she ran by me regarding the hold on cases with nationals from the 7 countries listed in the EO. Please note these questions relate to 4 PP cases. (I know busting the clock isn't a concern, but just wanted to flag that piece for you.)

- 1.) Case was updated as an RFE in the system prior to EO, but was not scheduled to be sent out until Monday (likely because of telework). This case is being held and VSC wants to know if they should continue to hold or if this case can be released.
- 2.) Case requires modification due to service error and a re-issuance of a notice, but was previously approved.

My thought process. Hold it all until further notice. (but I definitely defer to you.)

Also she mentioned the call with TSC and NSC regarding EDMS left her more concerned because the workaround for PP cases was labor intensive and while they've worked so far, the PP rate will be double at CSC and VSC and may be a strain for all. She says there are some IT releases in the mix that may help but isn't sure when they will be implemented. (No one on today's call was able to answer this question.) I'm thinking it might be helpful to schedule a call with Leslie and VSC/CSC since today's call didn't help a great deal. Would you be alright with that? I'm a little out of my element with this subject matter.

Thanks,
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Attachments: RE EO Hold.msg

Here's the list of questions Sophia compiled.

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Also, who has the lead to ensure that we advise the centers of this? Or, do we want to continue to hold for now? Just wanted to be sure I understood next steps.

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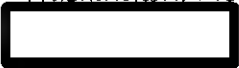
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I believe there is an exception where a matter is under investigation - I don't think that will apply here but it would be good to track down and review the language just in case.

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receives the request for PP accompanied by an eligible employment-based immigration benefit request. Also per 103.7(e)(2)(i), if USCIS cannot reach a final decision on the request for which PP was requested, as evidenced by an approval, denial, NOID, or RFE, we will refund the PP fee but continue to process the case. I don't see anything in the PP regs that provide for any type of exception. Hope this helps. Let me know if you need anything else.

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Thanks in advance.

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Subject: RE: EO Hold
Date: Monday, January 30, 2017 2:34:52 PM
Importance: High

Hi. Per our conversation a little bit ago, here are some high level questions I got from folks for the Department to answer. I hope this is along the lines of what you are looking for. I didn't include the questions I sent you yesterday but if any of them need to be included let me know and I will put them back in.

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 - b. If the answer to one of these questions reveals potential issues, what bearing will this have on benefit types that do not accord status and where the issue is not grounds for denial?
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 - a. Is this process/determination a discretionary call or will there be defined areas?
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 - a. What is the definition of "major offenses" as it relates to this section? How is it different from the term "aggravated felony" as defined in the INA 101(a)(43)?
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6. How does the EO impact TRIG exemptions?
7. What is expected of us in terms of reporting?

- a. Data to be collected
- b. Frequency
- c. Transmission

FYI and in case you find this helpful, Pam sent me the numbers of FB/EB visas that were allocated to applicants from the applicable countries for FY-2017.

Iran	703 visa
Iraq	21 visas
Libya	47 visas
Somalia	7 visas
Sudan	9 visas
Syria	102 visas
Yemen	17 visas

I will go through all the EOs in more detail to see if there are other things that might impact us.

--Sophia

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Subject: EO Hold

At the recently concluded leadership meeting we learned that the processing hold we put in place over the weekend will be lifted. All messaging must now be cleared through the Department, so we cannot communicate this in writing to the troops. However, I wanted you to know that so we don't waste time formulating questions about the hold or working on strategies to ensure compliance. I

expect that the final guidance may be more nuanced on the processing of parole requests, but otherwise we are expecting to lift the hold on adjustments and other form types. Please do not share this further in light of the messaging restrictions. We hope to have formal cleared language later today or tomorrow.

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Cc: McCament, James W
Subject: RE: Friday's EO
Date: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 10:58:59 AM

All: Good morning. I just wanted to check back in to see if I could get a copy of the consolidated list of questions that we ended up sending in last night for SCOPS.

Also, who has the lead to ensure that we advise the centers of this? Or, do we want to continue to hold for now? Just wanted to be sure I understood next steps.

Thanks again.

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No it wouldn't. That is the only exception I could find in the regulations so the EO would not give us coverage from refund.

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Thanks, but that clearly wouldn't apply here.

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Yes. In my eagerness to respond quickly, I neglected to mention 8 CFR 103.7(e)(2)(ii). USCIS may retain the PP fee and not reach a conclusion on the request within 15 days, and not notify the person who filed the request, if USCIS opens an investigation for fraud or misrepresentation relating to the benefit request. So we do get to keep the fee if we go beyond 15 days if we are investigating for fraud or misrep.

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I believe there is an exception where a matter is under investigation – I don't think that will apply here but it would be good to track down and review the language just in case.

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Cc: O'Connor, Natalie A
Subject: FW: EO with TRIG Section
Date: Monday, January 30, 2017 3:47:55 PM

Linda and Pam,

Karen sent out this msg to members of the trig wg this afternoon. Joanna called her and told her not to say anything more about section 6 of the EO (Trig exemptions).

Karen's email is accurate, but she is to hold off on giving any additional information/guidance related to the EO. Bill

From: Sohrakoff, Karen A
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2017 3:21:41 PM
To: Akinjola, Folukemi O (Kemi); Anderson, Kathryn E; Busenkell, Kathleen R (Katie); Chiorazzi, Anne; Cho, Jeannette S; Clough, Chelsea M; Croizat, Jess ka S; Digby, Lauren A; Dougherty, Linda M; Frank, Kathryn M (Katy); Greeley, Kevin A; Hall, Joshua K; Hamilton, Cristina A; Hicks, Celia F; Howard, Frank E; Hutchings, Pamela G; Jayasanker, Lara J; Jimenez, Rolando R; Katz, Jonathan E; Kirkland, Brooke A; Leigh, Jessica K; Mathew, Ajai; Metzger, Evelyn S; Perry-Elby, Diana D; Prelogar, Brandon B; Salidzik, Christina E (Christy); Schwartz, Claudia R; Sohrakoff, Karen A; Tarr, David S; Tomlyanovich, William J (Bill); Whalen, Ellen A; Whitney, Ronald W; Zengotitabengoa, Colleen R; Zill, Katherine F
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Date: Monday, January 30, 2017 12:28:23 PM
Attachments: image001.png

Good thought. I'd read that over the weekend. Thanks Linda

From: Hutchings, Pamela G
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2017 1:28 PM
To: Dougherty, Linda M
Subject: RE: Friday's EO

You might want to inform Natalie that these countries are already identified as countries that require additional vetting per established regs under the last administration

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
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Natalie, I don't think that question is going further than Pam since it is out of our lane, but I appreciate your concern. Linda

From: O'Connor, Natalie A
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2017 1:11 PM
To: Dougherty, Linda M; Lekhrum, Rushram; Tomiyonovich, William J (Bill); McDonald, Andrea K; Whelan, Scott P
Subject: RE: Friday's EO

Or maybe I do have a question or two that is not specific to any form type. What is the underlying basis for this executive order? Is the Agency/White House taking the stance that everyone from the identified countries are threats to national security? Is there intel out there identifying or suspecting individuals from these countries as threats to national security? If there is no such intel, how is this justifiable?

Best,


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
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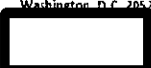
Hi Linda

I don't have any questions since Don's email this morning was clear in stating that there is a temporary suspension of adjudication on all applications, petitions, and requests involving citizens and nationals of the outlined countries

Best


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Importance: High

Do you have any questions about the new Executive Order "Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry into the United States" that need to be considered by DHS? Is there an impact to your portfolio that needs to be clarified? Operational questions will be directed to Karla for consideration, but the push now is for clarifying questions that need to be sent up if yes please forward in the next hour. Thanks! Linda

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Please send me questions by 1 PM. Thanks

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Importance: High

Hi Just checking to make sure We are not duplicating efforts. You already asked the BCs to give you the questions on the EO for me to compile for the FO Correct? Please confirm ASAP. Thanks!

--Sophia

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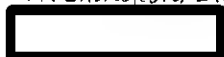
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Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 10:07 AM

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Cc: McCament, James W
Subject: RE: Friday's EO
Date: Sunday, January 29, 2017 7:02:08 PM

Thanks so much Sophia. We will be finalizing our list of questions on Monday and this will be very helpful.

From: Cox, Sophia
Sent: Sunday, January 29, 2017 7:53:28 PM
To: Hutchings, Pamela G; Campagnolo, Donna P; Neufeld, Donald W; Moran, Karla; McConnell, James E; Hope, Leslie K; Thomas, Ronnie D
Cc: McCament, James W
Subject: RE: Friday's EO

Hi. It ended up being more questions than what I initially thought. Since I had a number of questions, I put them in the attached Word document so they can be more easily be combined with Pam's questions and questions anyone else may have. There is a potential AC21 impact regarding renewals filed under the eligible categories. I am also attaching a list of those categories so you have it handy as you read through the document.

Let me know if you have any questions.

--Sophia

Sophia Cox

Senior Advisor, Policy
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Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 9:03 PM
To: Hutchings, Pamela G; Campagnolo, Donna P; Neufeld, Donald W; Moran, Karla; McConnell, James E; Hope, Leslie K; Thomas, Ronnie D
Cc: McCament, James W
Subject: RE: Friday's EO

Hi. I came up with a few questions, which I will send you in the am

--Sophia

From: Hutchings, Pamela G
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 5:35 PM
To: Campagnolo, Donna P; Cox, Sophia; Neufeld, Donald W; Moran, Karla; McConnell, James E; Hope, Leslie K; Thomas, Ronnie D
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My comments and questions:

There is a large population of I-730s from the effected countries and smaller population of I-130s. Adjudication of these petitions does not admit a person, therefore if the Bene is overseas the EO would apply to the visa issuance at our office or DOS not our SCs. However, if the bene is in the US and adjusting stateside would that be seen as an entry? FOD would handle these cases.

Will this EO prevent USCIS from adjudicating EOS and/or COS requests filed by nationals from the effected countries?

Would 765s be effected? Would there be an instance where CBP would accept an EAD doc as evidence for admission? Canadian and Mexicans perhaps?

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Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 9:57:03 PM
To: Cox, Sophia; Neufeld, Donald W; Moran, Karla; McConnell, James E; Hope, Leslie K; Hutchings, Pamela G; Thomas, Ronnie D
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Perfect. Thanks so much Sophia. Greatly appreciate it.

Donna

From: Cox, Sophia
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 2:08:28 PM
To: Campagnolo, Donna P; Neufeld, Donald W; Moran, Karla; McConnell, James E; Hope, Leslie K; Hutchings, Pamela G; Thomas, Ronnie D
Cc: McCament, James W
Subject: RE: Friday's EO

No worries , Donna. I will be home in about 90 min and can pull a quick write up together. I also have several questions that I can send for consideration.

--Sophia

From: Campagnolo, Donna P
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 1:18:26 PM
To: Cox, Sophia; Neufeld, Donald W; Moran, Karla; McConnell, James E; Hope, Leslie K; Hutchings, Pamela G; Thomas, Ronnie D

Cc: McCament, James W
Subject: RE: Friday's EO

Hi Sophia. I think you may be right about the As and Gs. I'll check and confirm.

Thanks all.

Donna

From: Cox, Sophia
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 11:29:44 AM
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I think the A and Gs might be done at the Washington district office but I am not 100% sure. Donna might remember?? There might be some 765 related to their dependents who are students. I'll check the 765 instructions.

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From: USCIS Broadcast
Subject: Nationwide Injunction on Executive Order
Date: Friday, February 03, 2017 9:51:48 PM



**U.S. Citizenship
and Immigration
Services**

Nationwide Injunction on Executive Order

A federal district court in Washington state has issued a nationwide injunction of each one of the following provisions of the January 27, 2017 Executive Order on Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry into the United States:

- Section 3(c)
- Section 5(a)
- Section 5(b)
- Section 5(c)
- Section 5(e) to the extent that it purports to prioritize refugee claims of certain religious minorities

All enforcement of the above-listed sections of the Executive Order must halt immediately. The judge's written order is available here. To be clear, **the injunction is effective right now and compliance with the ruling must begin immediately.**

Accordingly, effective immediately U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services will suspend any and all actions implementing the affected sections of the Executive Order entitled, "*Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry into the United States*" (January 27, 2017). Additionally, USCIS shall not proceed with any action that prioritizes refugee claims of certain religious minorities. Further, suspension of the U.S. Refugee Admission Program is no longer in effect. Suspension of the entry of Syrian nationals as refugees is also no longer in effect.

We are informed that the Administration is considering options to expeditiously appeal this ruling. We will update you with further guidance as soon as it is received.

From: Office of the Secretary
Subject: Message from Secretary Kelly on the Executive Order on Protecting the Homeland
Date: Monday, January 30, 2017 1:53:08 PM



Homeland Security

January 30, 2017

Implementing President Trump's Executive Order on Protecting the Homeland

To all Department of Homeland Security personnel:

As you have likely seen in the news, it's been a busy weekend for DHS personnel. On Friday, President Trump signed an Executive Order to provide further guidance to DHS on enforcing our immigration laws and to suspend entry into the United States certain classes of foreign nationals in order to ensure our immigration system is working in a way that best protects the safety and security of the American public.

As we worked to implement this Executive Order, a number of court orders were issued based on lawsuits filed in the wake of the order. Upon issuance of the court orders, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) immediately began taking steps to comply with the orders and did so with professionalism.

Concurrently, the Department of Homeland Security continues to work with our partners in the Departments of Justice and State to implement President Trump's Executive Order to protect the Nation from foreign terrorist entry into the United States.

We are committed to ensuring that all individuals affected by the Executive Orders, including those affected by the court orders, are being provided all rights afforded under the law. We are also working closely with airline partners to prevent travelers who would not be granted entry under the Executive Orders from boarding international flights to the United States.

As I said over the weekend, in applying the provisions of the President's Executive Order, the entry of lawful permanent residents is in the national interest. Accordingly, absent significant derogatory information indicating a serious threat to public safety and welfare, lawful permanent resident status will be a dispositive factor in our case-by-case determinations.

We are and will continue enforcing President Trump's Executive Order humanely and with professionalism. We are and will remain in compliance with judicial orders. DHS will continue to protect the homeland.

Thank you to all the men and women on the front lines who worked to implement the President's guidance. You are a credit to your agencies and this Department.

Sincerely,

John F. Kelly
Secretary of Homeland Security

With honor and integrity, we will safeguard the American people, our homeland, and our values

From: Bacote, Robert R (Bob)
To: Sturgeon, Paul S
Subject: FW: Friday's EO
Date: Monday, January 30, 2017 6:32:00 AM

Paul,

Please read Don's initial message and determine if we can run a query in SMART to identify the seven countries where we have open cases?

Thanks,

Robert R. Bacote
Branch Chief, Business Analysis Branch
Center Operations & Resources Division (CORD)
USCIS Service Center Operations



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From: McConnell, James E
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 11:06 PM
To: Bacote, Robert R (Bob)
Subject: FW: Friday's EO

Hi Bob,

Need to figure out if we can put a system hold on these cases on Monday. Please let me know what and how we can do.

Thanks,
Jim

From: Moran, Karla
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 10:19:20 AM
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Good morning All.

We can help with Donna's idea by providing a list of all cases. We can start with all open cases with those country parameters and manually remove those to whom the hold would not apply.

We will have Kevin start on it first thing Monday morning. I'll send the message now.

Karla

From: Campagnolo, Donna P

Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 10:13:34 AM

To: Neufeld, Donald W; Moran, Karla; McConnell, James E; Hope, Leslie K; Hutchings, Pamela G; Thomas, Ronnie D

Cc: McCament, James W; Cox, Sophia

Subject: RE: Friday's EO

Hi Don. Good morning. My first thought is yes, we can run for the countries in the system to identify the cases. I think the only way to have a flag in the system is to manually put a supervisory hold on each of them in Claims. I'll brainstorm some more as well...hope this helps.

Thanks.

Donna

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From: Kane, Daniel J
To: Bacote, Robert R (Bob)
Subject: FW: Executive Order: PROTECTING THE NATION FROM FOREIGN TERRORIST ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES - Service Center Instructions
Date: Sunday, January 29, 2017 12:07:23 PM

Would it be difficult to run a scrape for all pending petitions/ applications where the beneficiary/applicant COB is Syria, Iraq, Iran, Somalia, Yemen, Sudan, and Libya? I am particularly interested in the following form types?

I-130 volume by category IR1, F41,.etc
I-765 volume by category (for example c8, C3, etc.)
I-539 volume by category

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Kirt

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Per earlier message sent to smaller distro list PSC has notified senior field managers

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Subject: RE: Executive Order: PROTECTING THE NATION FROM FOREIGN TERRORIST ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES - Service Center Instructions
Date: Saturday, January 28, 2017 12:25 20 PM

Hi Don,
Got it and CSC is working to distribute this guidance now.
Wr,
Kathy

Kathy A. Baran
Director
California Service Center
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
24000 Avila Road
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Cc: McCament, James W
Subject: RE: Friday's EO
Date: Saturday, January 28, 2017 10:29:46 AM

I think the A and Gs might be done at the Washington district office but I am not 100% sure. Donna might remember?? There might be some 765 related to their dependents who are students. I'll check the 765 instructions.

From: Neufeld, Donald W
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 10:12:43 AM
To: Moran, Karla; McConnell, James E; Hope, Leslie K; Hutchings, Pamela G; Thomas, Ronnie D; Campagnolo, Donna P
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Date: Saturday, January 28, 2017 10:31:05 AM

And. If anyone needs any research I've got my laptop and law books with me.

From: Campagnolo, Donna P
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 10:22:46 AM
To: Neufeld, Donald W; Moran, Karla; McConnell, James E; Hope, Leslie K; Hutchings, Pamela G; Thomas, Ronnie D
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Sounds good. If something else comes up just let us know.

Donna

From: Neufeld, Donald W
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 10:16:37 AM
To: Campagnolo, Donna P; Moran, Karla; McConnell, James E; Hope, Leslie K; Hutchings, Pamela G; Thomas, Ronnie D
Cc: McCament, James W; Cox, Sophia
Subject: RE: Friday's EO

Thanks, Donna. Other than getting word out this weekend, we shouldn't have to actually do anything until Monday. Just wanted to get the brain juices flowing since I expect things will be hectic on Monday.

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Cc: McCament, James W; Cox, Sophia
Subject: RE: Friday's EO

Hi Don. Good morning. My first thought is yes, we can run for the countries in the system to identify the cases. I think the only way to have a flag in the system is to manually put a supervisory hold on each of them in Claims. I'll brainstorm some more as well...hope this helps.

Thanks.
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By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and laws of the United States of America, including the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), 8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq., and section 301 of title 3, United States Code, and to protect the American people from terrorist attacks by foreign nationals admitted to the United States, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. Purpose. The visa-issuance process plays a crucial role in detecting individuals with terrorist ties and stopping them from entering the United States. Perhaps in no instance was that more apparent than the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, when State Department policy prevented consular officers from properly scrutinizing the visa applications of several of the 19 foreign nationals who went on to murder nearly 3,000 Americans. And while the visa-issuance process was reviewed and amended after the September 11 attacks to better detect would-be terrorists from receiving visas, these measures did not stop attacks by foreign nationals who were admitted to the United States.

Numerous foreign-born individuals have been convicted or implicated in terrorism-related crimes since September 11, 2001, including foreign nationals who entered the United States after receiving visitor, student, or employment visas, or who entered through the United States refugee resettlement program. Deteriorating conditions in certain countries due to war, strife, disaster, and civil unrest increase the likelihood that terrorists will use any means possible to enter the United States. The United States must be vigilant during the visa-issuance process to ensure that those approved for admission do not intend to harm Americans and that they have no ties to terrorism.

In order to protect Americans, the United States must ensure that those admitted to this country do not bear hostile attitudes toward it and its founding principles. The United States cannot, and should not, admit those who do not support the Constitution, or those who would place violent ideologies over American law. In addition, the United States should not admit those who engage in acts of bigotry or hatred (including "honor" killings, other forms of violence against women, or the persecution of those who practice religions different from their own) or those who would oppress Americans of any race, gender, or sexual orientation.

Sec. 2. Policy. It is the policy of the United States to protect its citizens from foreign nationals who intend to commit terrorist attacks in the United States; and to prevent the admission of foreign nationals who intend to exploit United States immigration laws for malevolent purposes.

Sec. 3. Suspension of Issuance of Visas and Other Immigration Benefits to Nationals of Countries of Particular Concern. (a) The Secretary of Homeland Security, in consultation with the Secretary of State and the Director of National Intelligence, shall immediately conduct a review to determine the information needed from any country to adjudicate any visa, admission, or other benefit under the INA (adjudications) in order to determine that the individual seeking the benefit is who the individual claims to be and is not a security or public-safety threat.

(b) The Secretary of Homeland Security, in consultation with the Secretary of State and the Director of National Intelligence, shall submit to the President a report on the results of the review described in subsection (a) of this section, including the Secretary of Homeland Security's determination of the information needed for adjudications and a list of countries that do not provide adequate information, within 30 days of the date of this order. The Secretary of Homeland Security shall provide a copy of the report to the Secretary of State and the Director of National Intelligence.

(c) To temporarily reduce investigative burdens on relevant agencies during the review period described in subsection (a) of this section, to ensure the proper review and maximum utilization of available resources for the screening of foreign nationals, and to ensure that adequate standards are established to prevent infiltration by foreign terrorists or criminals, pursuant to section 212(f) of the INA, 8 U.S.C. 1182(f), I hereby proclaim that the immigrant and nonimmigrant entry into the United States of aliens from countries referred to in section 217(a)(12) of the INA, 8 U.S.C. 1187(a)(12), would be detrimental to the interests of the United States, and I hereby suspend entry into the United States, as immigrants and nonimmigrants, of such persons for 90 days from the date of this order (excluding those foreign nationals traveling on diplomatic visas, North Atlantic Treaty Organization visas, C-2 visas for travel to the United Nations, and G-1, G-2, G-3, and G-4 visas).

(d) Immediately upon receipt of the report described in subsection (b) of this section regarding the information needed for adjudications, the Secretary of State shall request all foreign governments that do not supply such information to start providing such information regarding their nationals within 60 days of notification.

(e) After the 60-day period described in subsection (d) of this section expires, the Secretary of Homeland Security, in consultation with the Secretary of State, shall submit to the President a list of countries recommended for inclusion on a Presidential proclamation that would prohibit the entry of foreign nationals (excluding those foreign nationals traveling on diplomatic visas, North Atlantic Treaty Organization visas, C-2 visas for travel to the United Nations, and G-1, G-2, G-3, and G-4 visas) from countries that do not provide the

information requested pursuant to subsection (d) of this section until compliance occurs.

(f) At any point after submitting the list described in subsection (e) of this section, the Secretary of State or the Secretary of Homeland Security may submit to the President the names of any additional countries recommended for similar treatment.

(g) Notwithstanding a suspension pursuant to subsection (c) of this section or pursuant to a Presidential proclamation described in subsection (e) of this section, the Secretaries of State and Homeland Security may, on a case-by-case basis, and when in the national interest, issue visas or other immigration benefits to nationals of countries for which visas and benefits are otherwise blocked.

(h) The Secretaries of State and Homeland Security shall submit to the President a joint report on the progress in implementing this order within 30 days of the date of this order, a second report within 60 days of the date of this order, a third report within 90 days of the date of this order, and a fourth report within 120 days of the date of this order.

Sec. 4. Implementing Uniform Screening Standards for All Immigration Programs. (a) The Secretary of State, the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Director of National Intelligence, and the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall implement a program, as part of the adjudication process for immigration benefits, to identify individuals seeking to enter the United States on a fraudulent basis with the intent to cause harm, or who are at risk of causing harm subsequent to their admission. This program will include the development of a uniform screening standard and procedure, such as in-person interviews; a database of identity documents proffered by applicants to ensure that duplicate documents are not used by multiple applicants; amended application forms that include questions aimed at identifying fraudulent answers and malicious intent; a mechanism to ensure that the applicant is who the applicant claims to be; a process to evaluate the applicant's likelihood of becoming a positively contributing member of society and the applicant's ability to make contributions to the national interest; and a mechanism to assess whether or not the applicant has the intent to commit criminal or terrorist acts after entering the United States.

(b) The Secretary of Homeland Security, in conjunction with the Secretary of State, the Director of National Intelligence, and the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, shall submit to the President an initial report on the progress of this directive within 60 days of the date of this order, a second report within 100 days of the date of this order, and a third report within 200 days of the date of this order.

Sec. 5. Realignment of the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program for Fiscal Year 2017. (a) The Secretary of State shall suspend the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program (USRAP) for 120 days. During the 120-day period, the Secretary of State, in conjunction with the Secretary of Homeland Security and in consultation with the Director of National Intelligence, shall

review the USRAP application and adjudication process to determine what additional procedures should be taken to ensure that those approved for refugee admission do not pose a threat to the security and welfare of the United States, and shall implement such additional procedures. Refugee applicants who are already in the USRAP process may be admitted upon the initiation and completion of these revised procedures. Upon the date that is 120 days after the date of this order, the Secretary of State shall resume USRAP admissions only for nationals of countries for which the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Homeland Security, and the Director of National Intelligence have jointly determined that such additional procedures are adequate to ensure the security and welfare of the United States.

(b) Upon the resumption of USRAP admissions, the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of Homeland Security, is further directed to make changes, to the extent permitted by law, to prioritize refugee claims made by individuals on the basis of religious-based persecution, provided that the religion of the individual is a minority religion in the individual's country of nationality. Where necessary and appropriate, the Secretaries of State and Homeland Security shall recommend legislation to the President that would assist with such prioritization.

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(d) Pursuant to section 212(f) of the INA, 8 U.S.C. 1182(f), I hereby proclaim that the entry of more than 50,000 refugees in fiscal year 2017 would be detrimental to the interests of the United States, and thus suspend any such entry until such time as I determine that additional admissions would be in the national interest.

(e) Notwithstanding the temporary suspension imposed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, the Secretaries of State and Homeland Security may jointly determine to admit individuals to the United States as refugees on a case-by-case basis, in their discretion, but only so long as they determine that the admission of such individuals as refugees is in the national interest -- including when the person is a religious minority in his country of nationality facing religious persecution, when admitting the person would enable the United States to conform its conduct to a preexisting international agreement, or when the person is already in transit and denying admission would cause undue hardship -- and it would not pose a risk to the security or welfare of the United States.

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Sec. 6. Rescission of Exercise of Authority Relating to the Terrorism Grounds of Inadmissibility. The Secretaries of State and Homeland Security shall, in consultation with the Attorney General, consider rescinding the exercises of authority in section 212 of the INA, 8 U.S.C. 1182, relating to the terrorism grounds of inadmissibility, as well as any related implementing memoranda.

Sec. 7. Expedited Completion of the Biometric Entry-Exit Tracking System. (a) The Secretary of Homeland Security shall expedite the completion and implementation of a biometric entry-exit tracking system for all travelers to the United States, as recommended by the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States.

(b) The Secretary of Homeland Security shall submit to the President periodic reports on the progress of the directive contained in subsection (a) of this section. The initial report shall be submitted within 100 days of the date of this order, a second report shall be submitted within 200 days of the date of this order, and a third report shall be submitted within 365 days of the date of this order. Further, the Secretary shall submit a report every 180 days thereafter until the system is fully deployed and operational.

Sec. 8. Visa Interview Security. (a) The Secretary of State shall immediately suspend the Visa Interview Waiver Program and ensure compliance with section 222 of the INA, 8 U.S.C. 1222, which requires that all individuals seeking a nonimmigrant visa undergo an in-person interview, subject to specific statutory exceptions.

(b) To the extent permitted by law and subject to the availability of appropriations, the Secretary of State shall immediately expand the Consular Fellows Program, including by substantially increasing the number of Fellows, lengthening or making permanent the period of service, and making language training at the Foreign Service Institute available to Fellows for assignment to posts outside of their area of core linguistic ability, to ensure that non-immigrant visa-interview wait times are not unduly affected.

Sec. 9. Visa Validity Reciprocity. The Secretary of State shall review all nonimmigrant visa reciprocity agreements to ensure that they are, with respect to each visa classification, truly reciprocal insofar as practicable with respect to validity period and fees, as required by sections 221(c) and 281 of the INA, 8 U.S.C. 1201(c) and 1351, and other treatment. If a country does not treat United States nationals seeking

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(i) information regarding the number of foreign nationals in the United States who have been charged with terrorism-related offenses while in the United States; convicted of terrorism-related offenses while in the United States; or removed from the United States based on terrorism-related activity, affiliation, or material support to a terrorism-related organization, or any other national security reasons since the date of this order or the last reporting period, whichever is later;

(ii) information regarding the number of foreign nationals in the United States who have been radicalized after entry into the United States and engaged in terrorism-related acts, or who have provided material support to terrorism-related organizations in countries that pose a threat to the United States, since the date of this order or the last reporting period, whichever is later; and

(iii) information regarding the number and types of acts of gender-based violence against women, including honor killings, in the United States by foreign nationals, since the date of this order or the last reporting period, whichever is later; and

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Sec. 11. General Provisions. (a) Nothing in this order shall be construed to impair or otherwise affect:

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(ii) the functions of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget relating to budgetary, administrative, or legislative proposals.

(b) This order shall be implemented consistent with applicable law and subject to the availability of appropriations.

(c) This order is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the United States, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.

DONALD J. TRUMP

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Will do.

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Here is a copy of the EO. By COB Monday we need to get a compiled list of all our questions to Lori and Tracy so they can try to get us the answers. Karla – I ask that you coordinate this for us.

If anyone has a name to offer to the Front office please let me know.

From: Scialabba, Lori L
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 6:48 PM
To: Ruppel, Joanna; Strack, Barbara L; Stone, Mary M; Renaud, Tracy L; Renaud, Daniel M; Melero, Mariela; Neufeld, Donald W; Hatchett, Doline L; Torres, Juan J; Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Kerns, Kevin J; Emrich, Matthew D; Davidson, Andrew J; Meckley, Tammy M; Levine, Laurence D; Groom, Molly M; Alfonso, Angelica M; Hawkins, Donald K
Subject: FW: Two Questions

Here is the latest EO. OCOM will put out an agency alert. Any inquiries get referred to WH Press, OLA inquiries also go to WH DHS cced.

RAIO/FOD/FDNS/SCOPS all have equities that are operational in nature. Feel free to send me questions and I'll do my best to answer them or get an answer or at least flag it for DHS.

We are going to likely need a lead for tracking and coordinating all activities related to the EOs. If anyone has a good candidate please let me know I'd like to get that person in place on Monday.

Lori

From: Hamilton, Gene
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 6:32 PM
To: Higgins, Jennifer; MCALEENAN, KEVIN K; Metzler, Alan; Scialabba, Lori L; Ragsdale, Daniel H; Nielsen, Kirstjen
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Final attached

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Got it Don.

The TSC leadership has been notified of the temporary suspension and we will comply immediately.

Kirt

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 - If no, must we reject?
 - If we can accept the filing, can adjudicate if approval does not convey any status?
 - How does this affect immigrant and nonimmigrant visa petitions, since the approval does not convey a status?
 - If we can accept the filing but cannot adjudicate, must we place these filings on hold?
 - How does this affect upcoming H-1B cap season?
 - The initial 90-day “suspension of entry” will run past H-1B cap filing season.
 - If the 90-day suspension is lifted or modified in part, the H-1B cap season will have closed.
- 2. Individuals Already in the United States in a Valid Nonimmigrant Status:** For those individuals already in a lawful nonimmigrant status, how does this affect their ability to:
 - Change to another nonimmigrant status?
 - Extend their nonimmigrant stay?
 - Apply for adjustment of status?
- 3. EADs/Work Authorization:**
 - How does this affect individuals who are already work authorized incident to status, regardless of the EAD, and where the EAD is evidence of the work authorization they already have? These individuals are included in 8 CFR 274a.12(a).
 - Any individual who is work authorized and believes he/she was wrongly terminated or denied employment has recourse through DOJ’s Office of Special Counsel. So if the EO prevents us from issuing EADs to individuals who are already employment authorized and they are refused employment or terminated, has this been coordinated with OSC?
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 - (a)(4) paroled as refugee
 - (a)(5) granted asylum
 - (a)(6) admitted as K-1 fiances/K-2 dependent children
 - (a)(7) admitted as N-8 parent or N-9 dependent child of someone granted LPR status as a special immigrant under INA 101(a)(27)(I) [former and retired international employees/NATO, surviving spouses, and children]
 - (a)(9) admitted as K-3 nonimmigrant of USC/K-4 dependent children
 - (a)(10) granted withholding of removal
 - (a)(12) granted TPS
 - (a)(15) in valid V nonimmigrant status
 - (a)(16) in valid T status – victim of trafficking
 - (a)(17) in valid U status – victim of severe form of crime
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 - Does the EO impact AC 21?

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 - Effective 1/17, receipt notices issued by LB (via OnBase) and the centers (via C3) include language regarding the auto 180-day extension, so nationals of affected countries who timely filed a renewal EAD application under one of the above categories on or after 1/17 are receiving notices that include the auto extension language.
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5. Students/STEM OPT:

- F-1 students from the affected countries who are in valid status eligible to apply for practical training? The regulations allow them to apply for pre-completion, post completion, and STEM OPT. The regulations also allow them to receive curricular practical training without filing with USCIS.
- Per 8 CFR 274a.12(b)(6)(v), F-1 academic students who timely file their application for STEM OPT (before their post completion OPT expires) are authorized to be employed while their application for STEM OPT is pending.

6. TPS:

- How does this affect individuals from the affected countries who have TPS? Once you are granted TPS, you technically have it until it is formally withdrawn. Somalia was just extended. Syria and Yemen were recently re-designated for TPS, and the designation in effect before the re-designation was extended.
- Does this mean we treat those who already have TPS and are applying for a renewal differently than those who are applying for an initial grant of TPS under the re-designation?
- **Somalia:**
 - Just extended; current re-registration period is 1/17/17 to 3/20/17; no re-designation.

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- **Syria:**
 - Re-designated for TPS on 8/1/16.
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- **Sudan and South Sudan:**
 - There are separate TPS designations in effect for Sudan and South Sudan.
 - Does the EO cover Sudan and South Sudan or just Sudan?
 - Most recent designation for Sudan and South Sudan is 5/3/13.
 - Current designation for each expires 11/2/17.
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Jessica

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DHS OPA has request a quick (ASAP) agency clearance on the below.

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Don

From: Cox, Sophia
To: Hope, Leslie K; Moran, Karla
Cc: Byrne, Marie L (Louise)
Subject: RE: Friday's EO
Date: Monday, January 30, 2017 10:07:00 AM

Thanks. That was one of my questions, whether we have to reject, or whether we accept and put on hold. I will include it in the list Don asked me to compile.

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From: Hope, Leslie K
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2017 10:49 AM
To: Moran, Karla; Cox, Sophia
Cc: Byrne, Marie L (Louise)
Subject: RE: Friday's EO

So are we thinking we might reject anything not in the systems or hold them in the LOCKBOX?

From: Moran, Karla
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2017 3:41:16 PM
To: Hope, Leslie K; Cox, Sophia
Cc: Byrne, Marie L (Louise)
Subject: RE: Friday's EO

Hi Leslie,

We pulled all approvals since Friday for C3 and ELIS for the seven countries. In addition, we have all the ELIS and C3 data for all pending for the seven countries. Don/James have a meeting with the FO at 11am and we are awaiting orders.

Karla Moran

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From: Hope, Leslie K
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2017 10:36 AM
To: Cox, Sophia; Moran, Karla
Cc: Byrne, Marie L (Louise)
Subject: RE: Friday's EO

Hi,

I will need to know if we are expected to hold adjudications and of what. C3 is pretty easy, paper, but ELIS will be problematic. I'm trying to find out if ELIS can flag products and hold them from entering the ready to adjudicate queue.

If there are any other processing changes that will require systems we will need those specifics.

Les

From: Neufeld, Donald W
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2017 3:30:14 PM
To: Cox, Sophia
Cc: McCament, James W; Hutchings, Pamela G; Campagnolo, Donna P; Moran, Karla; McConnell, James E; Hope, Leslie K; Thomas, Ronnie D
Subject: RE: Friday's EO

Sophia – The front office has asked that we provide them with a consolidated list of questions by COB today. I would like you to have the lead on that and we have told the Division Chiefs to funnel anything they come up with to you for consolidation. Since the deadline is COB, I think we should plan to have a cutoff by 2:00 so you can have time to consolidate and James and I can have time to review/edit before sending them up. We should do our best to identify them all but I'm sure we will be able to add questions later if we miss any. I'd really like to focus on questions that need to be elevated to the Department for guidance, not operational/logistical questions that we need to address within USCIS. Those are important too but they should go to Karla who will be our POC on operational issues. Our questions for the front office should focus on understanding and clarifying the EO itself, not the broader hold that was instituted over the weekend pending further guidance.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Don

From: Cox, Sophia
Sent: Sunday, January 29, 2017 7:53 PM
To: Hutchings, Pamela G; Campagnolo, Donna P; Neufeld, Donald W; Moran, Karla; McConnell, James E; Hope, Leslie K; Thomas, Ronnie D
Cc: McCament, James W
Subject: RE: Friday's EO

Hi. It ended up being more questions than what I initially thought. Since I had a number of questions, I put them in the attached Word document so they can be more easily be combined with Pam's questions and questions anyone else may have. There is a potential AC21 impact regarding renewals filed under the eligible categories. I am also attaching a list of those categories so you have it handy as you read through the document.

Let me know if you have any questions.

--Sophia

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Cc: McCament, James W
Subject: RE: Friday's EO

Hi. I came up with a few questions, which I will send you in the am

--Sophia

From: Hutchings, Pamela G
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 5:35 PM
To: Campagnolo, Donna P; Cox, Sophia; Neufeld, Donald W; Moran, Karla; McConnell, James E; Hope, Leslie K; Thomas, Ronnie D
Cc: McCament, James W
Subject: RE: Friday's EO

My comments and questions:

There is a large population of I-730s from the effected countries and smaller population of I-130s. Adjudication of these petitions does not admit a person, therefore if the Bene is overseas the EO would apply to the visa issuance at our office or DOS not our SCs. However, if the bene is in the US and adjusting stateside would that be seen as an entry? FOD would handle these cases.

Will this EO prevent USCIS from adjudicating EOS and/or COS requests filed by nationals from the effected countries?

Would 765s be effected? Would there be an instance where CBP would accept an EAD doc as evidence for admission? Canadian and Mexicans perhaps?

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To: Cox, Sophia; Neufeld, Donald W; Moran, Karla; McConnell, James E; Hope, Leslie K; Hutchings, Pamela G; Thomas, Ronnie D
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Perfect. Thanks so much Sophia. Greatly appreciate it.

Donna

From: Cox, Sophia
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 2:08:28 PM
To: Campagnolo, Donna P; Neufeld, Donald W; Moran, Karla; McConnell, James E; Hope, Leslie K; Hutchings, Pamela G; Thomas, Ronnie D
Cc: McCament, James W
Subject: RE: Friday's EO

No worries , Donna. I will be home in about 90 min and can pull a quick write up together. I also have several questions that I can send for consideration.

--Sophia

From: Campagnolo, Donna P
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 1:18:26 PM
To: Cox, Sophia; Neufeld, Donald W; Moran, Karla; McConnell, James E; Hope, Leslie K; Hutchings, Pamela G; Thomas, Ronnie D
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Thanks, but that clearly wouldn't apply here.

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Yes. In my eagerness to respond quickly, I neglected to mention 8 CFR 103.7(e)(2)(ii). USCIS may retain the PP fee and not reach a conclusion on the request within 15 days, and not notify the person who filed the request, if USCIS opens an investigation for fraud or misrepresentation relating to the benefit request. So we do get to keep the fee if we go beyond 15 days if we are investigating for fraud or misrep.

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I believe there is an exception where a matter is under investigation – I don't think that will apply here but it would be good to track down and review the language just in case

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217(a)(2). As far as I can tell, only Iraq and Syria are mentioned in this statutory provision. Are other countries affected or just Iraq and Syria? I couldn't find reference to any other countries anywhere else, so wanted to be sure I wasn't missing anything.

Regarding EAD categories that would include those in INA 217(a)(2), we have:

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 - These are adjudicated at the NSC.
 - Requires favorable DOS endorsement;
 - DOS sends only the favorably endorsed applications to NSC.
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There are some special immigrant categories applicable to As, Gs, and NATO. The I-360 is filed with Dallas and Phoenix LB and the I-485 is filed with Phoenix LB. I am thinking that NSC adjudicates these, but it would be best to confirm.

- I Special Immigrants (INA 101(a)(27)(I) who meet certain residence and physical presence requirements. Includes:
 - Unmarried sons/daughters of an officer or employee, or a former officer or employee of an international organization described in INA 101(a)(15)(G)(i).
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 - Retired officers and employees of international organizations.
 - Following to join/accompanying spouse of a retired officer or employee who was granted special immigrant status as a retired officer or employee of an international organization.
- L Special Immigrants (INA 101(a)(27)(L) who meet certain

residence and physical presence requirements. Looks like this covers NATO and the same categories of persons described in 101(a)(27)(I).

This is all I can think of for now. If I come up with anything else, I will send it forward.

--Sophia

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Subject: FW: Executive Order
Date: Monday, January 30, 2017 10:10:47 AM

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From: Levine, Laurence D
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2017 7:31 AM
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Cc: Ruppel, Joanna; Young, Todd P; Valverde, Michael; Walters, Jessica S; Kvortek, Lisette E; Farnam, Julie E; Elder, Phillip D; Tynan, Natalie S; Rather, Michael B; Deshommes, Samantha L
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+ Natalie, Mike and Sam

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Plus Phil, Ania and Philip

From: Slattery, Shannon E
Sent: Sunday, January 29, 2017 11:24:08 PM
To: Levine, Laurence D; Renaud, Daniel M; Groom, Molly M; Neufeld, Donald W; Walters, Jessica S
Cc: Ruppel, Joanna; Young, Todd P; Valverde, Michael; Walters, Jessica S; Kvortek, Lisette E; Farnam, Julie E
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+ Lisette Kvortek and Julie Farnam

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All – I asked the regs team to give us an idea of the tie frames for doing and re-doing forms as well as regs:

For forms, if, for instance, we have to add new vetting questions, OMB approval can be accomplished relatively quickly as an emergency action (compared to the normal process).

Steps and qualifications for emergency OMB approval:

- 1) OP&S division, operational directorates, OCC, and RCD collaborate on the amended form and/or instructions.
- 2) RCD prepares the relevant PRA supporting documents (Supporting Statement, etc.) working with ODP and Office of Privacy
- 3) Draft a memo justifying the emergent need (e.g., the EO), signed by USCIS CIO and DHS CIO.
- 4) RCD submits the package to OMB. OMB approval under emergency will only be valid for 6 months. To extend the validity of the OMB approval beyond 6 months, RCD would need to publish the 60- and 30-day Notices as normal and then resubmit the package to OMB

As a side note, the interior enforcement EO took away the Privacy Act protections that the USG had extended to non-citizens (by policy I believe). This change may significantly impact how the Privacy Act is interpreted w/r/t USCIS forms and systems, and may or may not cause changes to our Privacy Threshold Analyses which support the PRA process. We need to get a legal opinion on whether our PTAs, etc. will change because of this, and if we can update the relevant PRA supporting documents as they come up in the queue (i.e. as RCD starts work upon expiration) or if this needs to be implemented immediately (which would be a significant workload).

For regs, the time it took to get the EA rules out from the Nov. 20, 2014 memo are good barometers of the average timeline when there is WH support and it's moving as an emergency action:

- Average of 12-16 months for drafting and publishing an NPRM (but note that there was already some work done on EA before the 11/2014 announcement)
- Average of 6-8 months to review public comments, draft final rule, and publish the final rule.

Caveats: 1) The above assumes a relatively hands-off approach of OGC staff-level attorneys and economists prior to moving to OGC FO, S1 FO, and OMB. Also assumes that the timelines for S1 FO review will be similarly expedited (i.e. a matter of hours wherein the Assistant General Counsel briefs S1 and obtains signature). 2) The "effective date" will largely depend on the speed that our computer systems can be stood up. 3) Also, of course, depends on the number and complexity of public comments received and the continued availability of monetary resources to fund contractor support of our regulatory projects (comment analysis).

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Ok - thanks

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As of right now, we are holding all applications and petitions from led by individuals from the 7 countries. We did let an N-400 ceremony and an N-600 ceremony go forward yesterday.

We expect today to put out general guidance that the EO does not impact citizenship cases. DHS is reviewing the language. Everything else is on hold.

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Has anything gone out to our field folks at this point about pendings?

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Trying to get best information.

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Reuters is reporting that the stay covers holders of valid IV and NIVs and arriving refugees

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I've only seen this on Twitter, but it looks like a judge in EDNY has granted a nationwide stay of the refugee EO. I haven't been able to nail down a copy of the actual order, so I have no actual details. Anyone else hear anything?

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From: Neufeld, Donald W
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Subject: RE: Executive Order

Yes, thanks. I've shared with my folks too.

From: Walters, Jessica S
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 12:41:04 PM
To: Renaud, Daniel M
Cc: Neufeld, Donald W; Ruppel, Joanna; Young, Todd P; Slattery, Shannon E; Valverde, Michael; Levine, Laurence D; Groom, Molly M; Walters, Jessica S
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Thanks very much.

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FOD will be using the attached matrix to help identify questions and track implementation timelines. You may find it useful as well as we identify questions, develop guidance, and implementation plans.

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From: Slattery, Shannon E
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 12:16:07 PM
To: Valverde, Michael; Renaud, Daniel M

Cc: Farnam, Julie E; Kvortek, Lisette E
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The attached document is a matrix breaking down the EO into its component parts and action items. I've added columns for QAs and started compiling those I saw come across this morning and some early ones I saw from Div. 1.

The Policy and general objectives language at the beginning pulls key language from the EO for quick reference when we're drafting statements. The date conversion chart indicates the calendar dates associated with any specific timeframe mentioned in the EO.

I am working to convert this to Excel over the weekend so it's a little more scalable, but wanted to pass it on for initial use.

Please let me know if you have any questions or see anything that needs editing

Thanks.

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For section 4, do we need to take any actions prior to the "plan" described in section four being developed and implemented? And who is responsible for developing the plan?

For section 6, should we adjudicate cases in TRIG hold? It doesn't seem like exemptions are forthcoming.

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To start and just on this part of the EO:

1. Are the following forms impacted: N-400s, N-336, I-601A, I-131, I-765, N-565, I-130, ...?
2. Should we deschedule oath ceremonies for individuals from the 7?

3. How do we handle N-400s 120+ days from interview?
4. Should we stop RFEs?
5. Should we stop scheduling interviews?

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Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 11:21:12 AM
To: Ruppel, Joanna; Neufeld, Donald W; Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Daniel M; Strack, Barbara L; Davidson, Andrew J; Emrich, Matthew D
Cc: McCament, James W; Nicholson, Maura J; Kliska, Jennifer R; Walters, Jessica S
Subject: RE: Executive Order
Everyone should be compiling a list of all of their questions and getting them to Jess so Lori and I have a complete list. If there are URGENT questions that we need answers to before Monday go ahead and flag those for us but I'm not sure the Department is going to get to us immediately, they are likely dealing with issues at the POEs which have a bit more urgency. I did send the question of whether this impact naturalization or not to the Department in an attempt to get an answer this weekend only because we have oath ceremonies scheduled for Monday.

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I would also like to flag I-730s. While adjudication does not give status to those outside the US, it does for those inside. Also, since part of the directive is to reviewing to enhance information we collect and screening, we likely will be proposing changes to the I-730 process, to include revisions to the form and the I-730A, which would be completed by the beneficiary. We have mock ups and can move quickly, but need to think first about those in pipeline. Maura has giving directive to staff outside US to cancel pick up document pickups for 730s for next week.

We are working on further guidance and of course will coordinate with SCOP.

State has also issued guidance. Will forward.

Joanna

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I can do that but I think it's the same as what I've mentioned. It would be good to have time to consult with others. Can I get it to you on Monday?

And, in the meantime can I get something to the centers this weekend? I can share a draft email tomorrow.

From: Scialabba, Lori L
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 8:04:01 PM
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O.K. Take Jennifer off the email chain. Don, I want one document with all your issues. Same goes for Dan, Joanna/Barbara and Matt/Andrew. We'll start regular meetings next week.

Lori

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Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 8:00 PM
To: Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Daniel M; Higgins, Jennifer
Cc: Renaud, Tracy L; McCament, James W
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For clarity, what would be suspended are I-485s, I-539s, I-129s and I-131s. If I'm missing something please let me know.

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Cc: Renaud, Tracy L; McCament, James W
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I can get word out over the weekend to the centers to suspend processing. I just need the list of 7 countries to include in my message. The Directors are already on notice of the possibility. I would exclude from the suspension any petitions for beneficiaries abroad and TPS/DACA.

From: Scialabba, Lori L
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 7:31:26 PM
To: Neufeld, Donald W; Renaud, Daniel M; Higgins, Jennifer
Cc: Renaud, Tracy L
Subject: RE: Executive Order
I think the answer to the first two is yes they are impacted for the 7 countries identified. Not sure about petitions for beneficiaries abroad. I'll ask.

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Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 7:26 PM

To: Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Daniel M; Higgins, Jennifer
Cc: Renaud, Tracy L
Subject: RE: Executive Order

Thanks for sending this, Lori.

As we've discussed, the most urgent question is whether adjustments and extensions or changes of nonimmigrant status are impacted. Separately, is there any impact on petitions for beneficiaries abroad since we would not be determining admissibility? I would think not, but it would be good to have clarity.

From: Scialabba, Lori L
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 5:59:36 PM
To: Renaud, Daniel M; Higgins, Jennifer
Cc: Renaud, Tracy L; Neufeld, Donald W
Subject: RE: Executive Order
I think that's o.k. and going forward don't schedule these for interviews.

From: Renaud, Daniel M
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To: Scialabba, Lori L; Higgins, Jennifer
Cc: Renaud, Tracy L; Neufeld, Donald W
Subject: RE: Executive Order

If we can define "suspend processing" as "suspend prior to approval", then one option would be to continue with the interviews, since it is likely we have some that are scheduled as soon as Monday for affected applicants and then hold the cases post interview. We are trying to scrape our schedulers (C4 and NASS) to see when and where we have interviews scheduled for individuals from affected countries. We should have that sometime Monday.

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From: Scialabba, Lori L
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 12:43 PM
To: Higgins, Jennifer
Cc: Renaud, Tracy L; Neufeld, Donald W; Renaud, Daniel M
Subject: FW: Executive Order

FYI. I think Andrew might be right in terms of what is meant but

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Don't know if you can get any clarification but DHS HQ needs to know what's going on.

From: Davidson, Andrew J
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 12:37 PM
To: Renaud, Tracy L
Cc: Neufeld, Donald W; Renaud, Daniel M; Scialabba, Lori L
Subject: Executive Order

Tracy,

It is my understanding that POTUS will sign the "Protecting the Nation from Terrorist Attacks by Foreign Nationals" order today at 4:30pm. In complying with the EA I believe we need immediate clarification in Section 3 (c) relative to the 30 day suspension of processing immigrants and non-immigrants from the designated countries

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of interest and if this extends to processing of permanent resident applications. Though the EA states "immigrant and non-immigrant entry into the United States", once we grant an adjustment we "admit" that person [REDACTED] We just need to clarify if by extension this applies to our product lines. If this is the case then Don and Dan will need to get guidance to the Field to put these adjudications on hold. Other than the refugee suspension that appears fully deployed on our end this appears the most urgent clarification we need relative to the EAs.

Thanks,

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Cc: McCament, James W
Subject: RE: Friday's EO
Date: Monday, January 30, 2017 10:12:00 AM

No it wouldn't. That is the only exception I could find in the regulations so the EO would not give us coverage from refund.

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Thanks, but that clearly wouldn't apply here.

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Yes. In my eagerness to respond quickly, I neglected to mention 8 CFR 103.7(e)(2)(ii). USCIS may retain the PP fee and not reach a conclusion on the request within 15 days, and not notify the person who filed the request, if USCIS opens an investigation for fraud or misrepresentation relating the to benefit request. So we do get to keep the fee if we go beyond 15 days if we are investigating for fraud or misrep.

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I believe there is an exception where a matter is under investigation – I don't think that will apply here but it would be good to track down and review the language just in case.

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Sure thing. I am pretty sure we have to refund if we do not take action in 15 days. The PP regs are at 8 CFR 103.7(e). It's 15 calendar days. Per 103.7(e)(2)(i) the 15 day processing period begins when USCIS receives the request for PP accompanied by an eligible employment-based immigration benefit request. Also per 103.7(e)(2)(i), if USCIS cannot reach a final decision on the request for which PP was requested, as evidenced by an approval, denial, NOID, or RFE, we will refund the PP fee but continue to process the case. I don't see anything in the PP regs that provide for any type of exception. Hope this helps. Let me know if you need anything else.

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Good morning Sophia. Can you please take a look at the premium reg for us? Discussion this morning was if we have premium cases that will go beyond 15 days because they are part of this hold, do we refund? Looks like some of the centers already have some cases that are getting close to this situation between the 140s and 129s. It isn't that we can't adjudicate them in the timeframe, it's that we have an EO that may not allow for this...

Thanks in advance.
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Hi. I just finished reading the whole EO. Section 3c, which suspends the immigrant and nonimmigrant entry, refers to those described in INA 217(a)(2). As far as I can tell, only Iraq and Syria are mentioned in this statutory provision. Are other countries affected or just Iraq and Syria? I couldn't find reference to any other countries anywhere else, so wanted to be sure I wasn't missing anything.

Regarding EAD categories that would include those in INA 217(a)(2), we have:

- (c)(1) For the dependents of A-1 and A-2 government officials.
 - These are adjudicated at the NSC.
 - Requires favorable DOS endorsement;
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 - These are adjudicated at the NSC.
 - Requires favorable DOS endorsement.
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There are some special immigrant categories applicable to As, Gs, and NATO. The I-360 is filed with Dallas and Phoenix LB and the I-485 is filed with Phoenix LB. I am thinking that NSC adjudicates these, but it would be best to confirm.

- I Special Immigrants (INA 101(a)(27)(I) who meet certain residence and physical presence requirements. Includes:
 - Unmarried sons/daughters of an officer or employee, or a former officer or employee of an international organization described in INA 101(a)(15)(G)(i).
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 - Retired officers and employees of international organizations.
 - Following to join/accompanying spouse of a retired officer or employee who was granted special immigrant status as a retired officer or employee of an international organization.
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This is all I can think of for now. If I come up with anything else, I will send it forward.

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Don – Responding just to you given the flurry of emails and so I can be exactly clear on what you need. I am asking the BCs to give high level type of questions that need to be elevated to the Dept, as you asked, but when I looked at what was already in the matrix that the FO sent, which appears to include questions from FOD, some of those are either form specific a bit more operational in nature, so I just want to be sure we don't miss anything. Thanks!!

--Sophia

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Will this EO prevent USCIS from adjudicating EOS and/or COS requests filed by nationals from the effected countries?

Would 765s be effected? Would there be an instance where CBP would accept an EAD doc as evidence for admission? Canadian and Mexicans perhaps?

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Perfect. Thanks so much Sophia. Greatly appreciate it.

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Importance: High

Hi. Just checking to make sure We are not duplicating efforts. You already asked the BCs to give you the questions on the EO for me to compile for the FO. Correct? Please confirm ASAP. Thanks!

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- 1. Acceptance of Applications:** Can we accept benefit applications and petitions from, or on behalf, of nationals of the listed countries?
 - If no, must we reject?
 - If we can accept the filing, can adjudicate if approval does not convey any status?
 - How does this affect immigrant and nonimmigrant visa petitions, since the approval does not convey a status?
 - If we can accept the filing but cannot adjudicate, must we place these filings on hold?
 - How does this affect upcoming H-1B cap season?
 - The initial 90-day “suspension of entry” will run past H-1B cap filing season.
 - If the 90-day suspension is lifted or modified in part, the H-1B cap season will have closed.
- 2. Individuals Already in the United States in a Valid Nonimmigrant Status:** For those individuals already in a lawful nonimmigrant status, how does this affect their ability to:
 - Change to another nonimmigrant status?
 - Extend their nonimmigrant stay?
 - Apply for adjustment of status?
- 3. EADs/Work Authorization:**
 - How does this affect individuals who are already work authorized incident to status, regardless of the EAD, and where the EAD is evidence of the work authorization they already have? These individuals are included in 8 CFR 274a.12(a).
 - Any individual who is work authorized and believes he/she was wrongly terminated or denied employment has recourse through DOJ’s Office of Special Counsel. So if the EO prevents us from issuing EADs to individuals who are already employment authorized and they are refused employment or terminated, has this been coordinated with OSC?
 - Categories under category (a) that could be impacted:
 - (a)(3) admitted as refugee
 - (a)(4) paroled as refugee
 - (a)(5) granted asylum
 - (a)(6) admitted as K-1 fiances/K-2 dependent children
 - (a)(7) admitted as N-8 parent or N-9 dependent child of someone granted LPR status as a special immigrant under INA 101(a)(27)(I) [former and retired international employees/NATO, surviving spouses, and children]
 - (a)(9) admitted as K-3 nonimmigrant of USC/K-4 dependent children
 - (a)(10) granted withholding of removal
 - (a)(12) granted TPS
 - (a)(15) in valid V nonimmigrant status
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 - (a)(17) in valid U status – victim of severe form of crime
- 4. AC 21:**
 - Does the EO impact AC 21?

- **Auto EAD Extension:** The AC21 regulation includes a provision granting an automatic extension of the EAD/work authorization for up to 180 days for individuals who timely file their renewal EAD applications and whose renewal is under one of the 15 eligible categories.
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- F-1 students from the affected countries who are in valid status eligible to apply for practical training? The regulations allow them to apply for pre-completion, post completion, and STEM OPT. The regulations also allow them to receive curricular practical training without filing with USCIS.
- Per 8 CFR 274a.12(b)(6)(v), F-1 academic students who timely file their application for STEM OPT (before their post completion OPT expires) are authorized to be employed while their application for STEM OPT is pending.

6. TPS:

- How does this affect individuals from the affected countries who have TPS? Once you are granted TPS, you technically have it until it is formally withdrawn. Somalia was just extended. Syria and Yemen were recently re-designated for TPS, and the designation in effect before the re-designation was extended.
- Does this mean we treat those who already have TPS and are applying for a renewal differently than those who are applying for an initial grant of TPS under the re-designation?
- **Somalia:**
 - Just extended; current re-registration period is 1/17/17 to 3/20/17; no re-designation.

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- **Syria:**
 - Re-designated for TPS on 8/1/16.
 - Re-registration period for those who already had TPS was 8/1/16 to 9/30/16.
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- **Sudan and South Sudan:**
 - There are separate TPS designations in effect for Sudan and South Sudan.
 - Does the EO cover Sudan and South Sudan or just Sudan?
 - Most recent designation for Sudan and South Sudan is 5/3/13.
 - Current designation for each expires 11/2/17.
 - Re-registration period for each designation closed 3/25/16.
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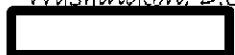
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Ok. I want to discuss the parole paper too.

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OK. I will call you because I am a little confused in all this commotion. I saw your subsequent message saying the processing hold would be lifted (pending instructions to be cleared by the Dept) and that you didn't want us spinning on questions.

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Call me if you need to 2-1020.

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Don – Responding just to you given the flurry of emails and so I can be exactly clear on what you need. I am asking the BCs to give high level type of questions that need to be elevated to the Dept, as you asked, but when I looked at what was already in the matrix that the FO sent, which appears to include questions from FOD, some of those are either form specific a bit more operational in nature, so I just want to be sure we don't miss anything. Thanks!!

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Hi Sophia,

ADJ DIVISION questions – edit at will:

Mainly concerning definitions:

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Operational Questions:

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Based on the exception mentioned above, are the Centers allowed to adjudicate an I-485 from applicants from these countries who used one of these diplomatic visas in their last entry or are they on hold with the rest?

Just as an FYI.

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I'm reviewing now, but can do so as we review during the 1:30 call.

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We can use Skype so that we can look at the document at the same time.

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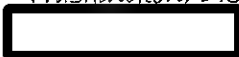
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Good morning Sophia. Can you please take a look at the premium reg for us? Discussion this morning was if we have premium cases that will go beyond 15 days because they are part of this hold, do we refund? Looks like some of the centers already have some cases that are getting close to this situation between the 140s and 129s. It isn't that we can't adjudicate them in the timeframe, it's that we have an EO that may not allow for this...

Thanks in advance.

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Hi. I just finished reading the whole EO. Section 3c, which suspends the immigrant and nonimmigrant entry, refers to those described in INA

217(a)(2). As far as I can tell, only Iraq and Syria are mentioned in this statutory provision. Are other countries affected or just Iraq and Syria? I couldn't find reference to any other countries anywhere else, so wanted to be sure I wasn't missing anything.

Regarding EAD categories that would include those in INA 217(a)(2), we have:

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There are some special immigrant categories applicable to As, Gs, and NATO. The I-360 is filed with Dallas and Phoenix LB and the I-485 is filed with Phoenix LB. I am thinking that NSC adjudicates these, but it would be best to confirm.

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 - Following to join/accompanying spouse of a retired officer or employee who was granted special immigrant status as a retired officer or employee of an international organization.
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This is all I can think of for now. If I come up with anything else, I will send it forward.

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Hi Sophia. I think you may be right about the As and Gs. I'll check and confirm.

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I think the A and Gs might be done at the Washington district office but I am not 100% sure. Donna might remember?? There might be some 765 related to their dependents who are students. I'll check the 765 instructions.

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One more thing, the suspension does not apply to This suspension of entry does not apply to those foreign nationals traveling on A-1, A-2, G-1, G-2, G-3, G-4, NATO, C-2 or diplomatic type visas, or to issuance of visas in those categories. Do we adjudicate anything related to those visa categories at the centers?

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Most likely, on Monday we will want to identify any potentially impacted cases in C3 and ELIS. I assume it will be possible to run reports identifying cases with applicants, requestors or beneficiaries from these countries sorted by form type. Does anyone know if we could somehow flag them for hold? Ideally we'd be able to prevent accidental approval, but even if we can't stop approval it would be good to flag them for adjudicators. Also, this isn't an indefinite hold so whatever we do it needs to allow normal processing to proceed fairly easily at some point in the future.

At this point, i'm just looking for thoughts and ideas on how to identify what will be a changing universe of cases and flag them for possible special handling. I'd prefer to keep this among ourselves for now so please check with me before sharing with anyone. Any thoughts or concerns are appreciated.

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To: Campagnolo, Donna P; Neufeld, Donald W; Moran, Karla; McConnell, James E; Hope, Leslie K; Hutchings, Pamela G; Thomas, Ronnie D

Cc: McCament, James W

Subject: RE: Friday's EO

Sure thing. I am pretty sure we have to refund if we do not take action in 15 days. The PP regs are at 8 CFR 103.7(e). It's 15 calendar days. Per 103.7(e)(2)(i) the 15 day processing period begins when USCIS

receives the request for PP accompanied by an eligible employment-based immigration benefit request. Also per 103.7(e)(2)(i), if USCIS cannot reach a final decision on the request for which PP was requested, as evidenced by an approval, denial, NOID, or RFE, we will refund the PP fee but continue to process the case. I don't see anything in the PP regs that provide for any type of exception. Hope this helps. Let me know if you need anything else.

--Sophia

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Subject: RE: Friday's EO

Good morning Sophia. Can you please take a look at the premium reg for us? Discussion this morning was if we have premium cases that will go beyond 15 days because they are part of this hold, do we refund? Looks like some of the centers already have some cases that are getting close to this situation between the 140s and 129s. It isn't that we can't adjudicate them in the timeframe, it's that we have an EO that may not allow for this...

Thanks in advance.

Donna Campagnolo

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From: Cox, Sophia

Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 9:01 PM

To: Campagnolo, Donna P; Neufeld, Donald W; Moran, Karla; McConnell, James E; Hope, Leslie K; Hutchings, Pamela G; Thomas, Ronnie D

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Subject: RE: Friday's EO

Hi. I just finished reading the whole EO. Section 3c, which suspends the immigrant and nonimmigrant entry, refers to those described in INA 217(a)(2). As far as I can tell, only Iraq and Syria are mentioned in this statutory provision. Are other countries affected or just Iraq and Syria? I couldn't find reference to any other countries anywhere else, so

wanted to be sure I wasn't missing anything.

Regarding EAD categories that would include those in INA 217(a)(2), we have:

- (c)(1) For the dependents of A-1 and A-2 government officials.
 - These are adjudicated at the NSC.
 - Requires favorable DOS endorsement;
 - DOS sends only the favorably endorsed applications to NSC.
- (c)(4) For the dependents of G-1, G-3, or G-4 (I think this includes NATO and at the US Mission to the UN, too).
 - These are adjudicated at the NSC.
 - Requires favorable DOS endorsement.
 - DOS sends only the favorably endorsed applications to NSC.

There are some special immigrant categories applicable to As, Gs, and NATO. The I-360 is filed with Dallas and Phoenix LB and the I-485 is filed with Phoenix LB. I am thinking that NSC adjudicates these, but it would be best to confirm.

- I Special Immigrants (INA 101(a)(27)(I) who meet certain residence and physical presence requirements. Includes:
 - Unmarried sons/daughters of an officer or employee, or a former officer or employee of an international organization described in INA 101(a)(15)(G)(i).
 - Surviving spouses of deceased officers or employees of international organizations described in INA 101(a)(15)(G)(i).
 - Retired officers and employees of international organizations.
 - Following to join/accompanying spouse of a retired officer or employee who was granted special immigrant status as a retired officer or employee of an international organization.
- L Special Immigrants (INA 101(a)(27)(L) who meet certain residence and physical presence requirements. Looks like this covers NATO and the same categories of persons described in 101(a)(27)(I).

This is all I can think of for now. If I come up with anything else, I will send it forward.

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To: Cox, Sophia; Neufeld, Donald W; Moran, Karla; McConnell, James E; Hope, Leslie K; Hutchings, Pamela G; Thomas, Ronnie D

Cc: McCament, James W

Subject: RE: Friday's EO

Hi Sophia. I think you may be right about the As and Gs. I'll check and confirm.

Thanks all.

Donna

From: Cox, Sophia

Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 11:29:44 AM

To: Neufeld, Donald W; Moran, Karla; McConnell, James E; Hope, Leslie K; Hutchings, Pamela G; Thomas, Ronnie D; Campagnolo, Donna P

Cc: McCament, James W

Subject: RE: Friday's EO

I think the A and Gs might be done at the Washington district office but I am not 100% sure.

Donna might remember?? There might be some 765 related to their dependents who are students. I'll check the 765 instructions.

From: Neufeld, Donald W

Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 10:12:43 AM

To: Moran, Karla; McConnell, James E; Hope, Leslie K; Hutchings, Pamela G; Thomas, Ronnie D; Campagnolo, Donna P

Cc: McCament, James W; Cox, Sophia

Subject: RE: Friday's EO

One more thing, the suspension does not apply to This suspension of entry does not apply to those foreign nationals traveling on A-1, A-2, G 1, G 2, G-3, G 4, NATO, C-2 or diplomatic type visas, or to issuance of visas in those categories. Do we adjudicate anything related to those visa categories at

the centers?

From: Neufeld, Donald W

Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 10:07 AM

To: Moran, Karla; McConnell, James E; Hope, Leslie K; Hutchings, Pamela G; Thomas, Ronnie D; Campagnolo, Donna P

Cc: McCament, James W; Cox, Sophia

Subject: Friday's EO

Sorry to bother you over the weekend. The President signed an executive order on Friday titled "Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry into the United States". Among other things, it prevents the entry of citizens or nationals from Syria, Iraq, Iran, Somalia, Yemen, Sudan, and Libya for a 90 day period. I am working with Dan, Andrew, Tracy and Lori on a message to send out this weekend that would suspend certain adjudications while we seek guidance/clarity on how this will specifically apply to our workloads.

Most likely, on Monday we will want to identify any potentially impacted cases in C3 and ELIS. I assume it will be possible to run reports identifying cases with applicants, requestors or beneficiaries from these countries sorted by form type. Does anyone know if we could somehow flag them for hold? Ideally we'd be able to prevent accidental approval, but even if we can't stop approval it would be good to flag them for adjudicators. Also, this isn't an indefinite hold so whatever we do it needs to allow normal processing to proceed fairly easily at some point in the future.

At this point, I'm just looking for thoughts and ideas on how to identify what will be a changing universe of cases and flag them for possible special handling. I'd prefer to keep this among ourselves for now so please check with me before sharing with anyone. Any thoughts or concerns are appreciated.

Thanks,

Don

From: Cox, Sophia
To: Neufeld, Donald W; Arroyo, Susan K; Hope, Leslie K; Hutchings, Pamela G; McCament, James W; McConnell, James E; Moran, Karia; Sabga, George M
Subject: RE: EO Hold
Date: Monday, January 30, 2017 2:34:52 PM
Importance: High

Hi. Per our conversation a little bit ago, here are some high level questions I got from folks for the Department to answer. I hope this is along the lines of what you are looking for. I didn't include the questions I sent you yesterday but if any of them need to be included let me know and I will put them back in.

1. Part of the uniform screening standard is to include "Amended application forms that include questions aimed at identifying fraudulent answers and malicious intent"
 - a. Does this mean that all applications and petitions will need to be revised or standardized? We note that many of the forms have already be revised to include the questions related to criminality and national security.
 - b. If the answer to one of these questions reveals potential issues, what bearing will this have on benefit types that do not accord status and where the issue is not grounds for denial?
2. As part of the uniform screening standard the EO includes a directive to develop "a process to evaluate the applicant's likelihood of becoming a positively contributing member of society and the applicant's ability to make contributions to the national interest"
 - a. Is this process/determination a discretionary call or will there be defined areas?
3. Information is to be collected on "any other information relevant to public safety and security as determined by the Secretary of Homeland security and the Attorney General, including information on the immigration status of foreign nationals charged with major offenses"
 - a. What is the definition of "major offenses" as it relates to this section? How is it different from the term "aggravated felony" as defined in the INA 101(a)(43)?
4. Can we accept/adjudicate/approved (if eligible) I-730s for following to join family members of individuals granted asylum (FTJ-A) and I-730s for following to join family members of refugees? Is there any distinction between the processing of I-730s for asylees and refugees?
5. For those outside the US currently in T (victims of trafficking) or U (victims of severe form of crime) nonimmigrant status from the seven countries, will they be allowed re-entry? If waivers can be granted case by case, how will those requests be handled?
6. How does the EO impact TRIG exemptions?
7. What is expected of us in terms of reporting?

- a. Data to be collected
- b. Frequency
- c. Transmission

FYI and in case you find this helpful, Pam sent me the numbers of FB/EB visas that were allocated to applicants from the applicable countries for FY-2017.

Iran	703 visa
Iraq	21 visas
Libya	47 visas
Somalia	7 visas
Sudan	9 visas
Syria	102 visas
Yemen	17 visas

I will go through all the EOs in more detail to see if there are other things that might impact us.

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To: Arroyo, Susan K; Cox, Sophia; Hope, Leslie K; Hutchings, Pamela G; McCament, James W; McConnell, James E; Moran, Karla; Sabga, George M

Subject: EO Hold

At the recently concluded leadership meeting we learned that the processing hold we put in place over the weekend will be lifted. All messaging must now be cleared through the Department, so we cannot communicate this in writing to the troops. However, I wanted you to know that so we don't waste time formulating questions about the hold or working on strategies to ensure compliance. I

expect that the final guidance may be more nuanced on the processing of parole requests, but otherwise we are expecting to lift the hold on adjustments and other form types. Please do not share this further in light of the messaging restrictions. We hope to have formal cleared language later today or tomorrow.

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Subject: QAs for EO
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All,

Attached are final responses to several questions related to the Executive Order "Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry into the United States." These have also been posted on the ECN.

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Subject: Deliverables Trackers
Date: Wednesday, February 01, 2017 8:44:42 PM
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Internal USCIS Deliverables.xlsx

Good evening,

First, I'd like to thank everyone for all the work you've done already in reviewing and preparing to implement the series of Executive Orders that have been released over the past few days. I know this is a heavy lift, but as I've seen many times before within this agency, I know we will rise to the occasion and do what needs to be done in a manner that exemplifies professionalism and thoughtfulness.

Attached are two trackers for deliverables. The first is DHS's tracker and the second is an internal USCIS tracker which summarizes the assignments from our meeting this afternoon. If there are any assignments that are missing or not properly listed in the attached internal tracker, please let me know and I will make the corrections (Phil B., I know I missed the section that was assigned to you specifically, but I didn't make a note and couldn't remember).

I will also post these documents on the ECN.



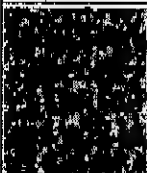
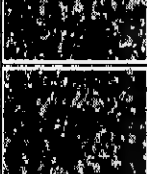
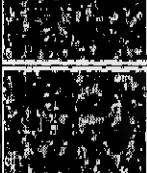
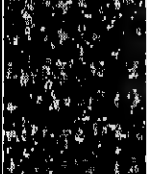
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IMMIGRATION-RELATED EXECUTIVE ORDERS: OVERALL IMPLEMENTATION ACTIONS				
Status	Actions	Lead	Target Completion	Key Progress/Issues
	Activate DHS Task Force and establish regular meetings to track progress and success	DHS FO	January 30, 2017	Monday/Wednesday/Friday meetings established.
	Develop Response to Query for media, Congressional, and external stakeholder inquiries	OPA	January 30, 2017	
	Develop an engagement plan for Congressional, State, HSAC, and other external stakeholders	OLA/OPE	January 31, 2017	
	Issue implementing memos from the DHS Secretary to Component leadership	DHS FO	February 3, 2017	
	Develop Component implementation plans that outline specific actions each Component will take, including budgetary needs and timeliness for completion	Components	February 3, 2017	
	Develop a list of outstanding issues in which guidance or direction from the Secretary is	PLCY	Ongoing	

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BORDER SECURITY AND IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT				
Status	Actions	Lead	Due Date	Key Progress/Issues
1) Construct a physical wall on the Southern Border (Section 4)				
✓	Establish Integrated Project Team	CBP	February 3, 2017	
✓	Issue contract solicitation to construct temporary detention facilities along SWB	CBP	February 3, 2017	
	Identify construction priorities	CBP	February 15, 2017	
	Capital Investment Plan (CIP)	CBP	July 2017	
2) Comprehensive study of the security of the Southern Border and strategy to obtain operational control (Section 4d)				
	Initiate FFRDC or other study mechanism	CBP	March 2017	
	Identify funding	CBP	March 2017	
	Conduct study and develop recommendations	CBP	July 2017	
	Increase the number of ICE special agents/analysts working in Northern Triangle to dismantle TCOs	ICE	Immediate	
	Expand Border Enforcement Security Task Forces,	ICE	Immediate	

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	targeting individuals/organizations that undermine border security			
	Launch JTF-W and JTF-I joint operation against TCOs, in conjunction with DOJ	ICE	Immediate	
	Intensify efforts to speed issuance of travel documents to facilitate removal efforts	ICE		
	Enhance our messaging campaign in Northern Triangle countries, emphasizing that attempts to enter the United States illegally will be unsuccessful in light of the President's Executive Orders.	CBP	Immediate	Note: Work with DOS
3) Construct detention facilities at/near the land border with Mexico (Section 5)				
	Issue contract solicitation to construct temporary facilities	CBP	2/15/2017	
	Develop acquisition strategy, calculate costs, and identify funding	CBP	2/15/2017	
	Assess availability of permanent facilities near the	ICE	2/15/2017	

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	SWB			
	Define contracting requirements and calculate costs, and identify funding for additional detainees	ICE	2/15/2017	
4) Assign asylum officers to detention facilities (Section 5b)				
	Identify priority locations for temporary deployments and/or permanent staff	USCIS	Immediate	
	Develop longer-term staffing/hiring plan, as needed.	USCIS	3/20/2017	
5) DOJ assign immigration judges (Section 5c)				
	Establish a DHS-DOJ working group	ICE	Immediate	
	Provide specific request to DOJ, with CBP/ICE case load projections/prioritized list of locations for short term U surge	ICE	February 15, 2017	
	Develop long-term joint DHS-DOJ strategy, including plan proceedings at POEs and along the Southern Border	ICE	March 20, 2017	

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6) Issue policy ending “catch and release” (Section 6)				
	Activate Crisis Action Team to plan, coordinate, and execute operations	ICE, CBP, USCIS	Immediate	
	Review relevant policies, regulations and forms.	ICE, CBP, USCIS	Immediate	
	Rescind, modify, or develop new policy guidance for apprehension and detention of aliens	ICE	February 28, 2017	
	Expand current detention capacity of 44,000 beds by approximately 1,100 beds.	ICE	Immediate	
	Develop plan to expand capacity by 9,000 additional beds	ICE		
7) Return aliens to the territory from which they came pending a formal removal proceeding (Section 7)				
	Develop DHS implementation plan	CBP	February 15, 2017	
	Engage in discussions with Mexican Government	PLCY	February 28, 2017	
	Assess and implement repatriation actions	ICE, OGC	Immediate	
8) Hire 5,000 Border Patrol Agents (Section 8)				
✓	Establish Integrated Project Team on Hiring	USM/CHCO	Immediate	

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	Work with OPM to identify policies/processes to enhancing hiring capacity/abilities	USM/CHCO	February 15, 2017	
	Develop resource estimates for current and out-years	CBP	February 15, 2017	
	Develop phased hiring plan, including funding, facilities, and training needs	CBP	February 15, 2017	
	Identify ways to streamline veteran hiring efforts	CHCO	February 15, 2017	
	Assess FLETC capacity and develop necessary plan to support new hire training	FLETC	February 15, 2017	
	Initiate Hiring	CBP	February 28, 2017	
9) Report on all foreign aid to the Government of Mexico over the last 5 years (Section 9)				
	Gather data regarding foreign aid, if any, and develop report	PLCY	February 6, 2017	
	Provide report to the Secretary of State	PLCY	February 25, 2017	Note: Final report due to POTUS on March 25.
10) Establish 287(g) Agreements (Section 10)				
	Prepare draft delegation from S1 to grant the Commissioner of CBP the	CBP	February 6, 2017	

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	authority to enter into 287(g) agreements to partner with state and local law enforcement			
	Expedite review of pending 287(g) requests	ICE	February 17, 2017	
	Identify potential law enforcement partners for future 287(g) MOAs	ICE	February 28, 2017	
	Develop outreach plan with Governors of States and local officials	OPE	February 17, 2017	Consider the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Governors Homeland Security Advisory Council meeting 2/8-2/10 - National Governors Association meeting 2/24-2/27 - Agenda item for next HSAC meeting
	Issue individually structured MOAs authorizing local law enforcement to perform immigration officer functions	ICE	Ongoing	Metric: X agreements by X date
11) End abuse of parole and asylum provisions to prevent lawful removal of aliens (Section 11)				
✓	Discontinue practice of offering parole in CAM	USCIS	Immediate	

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	context			
✓	Identify all existing parole programs and make recommendation for amending/discontinuing	USCIS	February 1, 2017	
	Expand existing asylum working group to develop policies/regulations that streamline removals	ICE	Immediate	
	Issue guidance to officers outlining necessary changes to credible fear and reasonable fear screening	USCIS	February 28, 2017	
	Launch a 30-day review of the CF/RF screening processes and make recommendations for changes	USCIS	March 15, 2017	
	Assess current process for handling Unaccompanied Alien Children and their illegally present family members	ICE	March 15, 2017	Note: In conjunction with HHS and DOJ
	Assess current training standards for UACs and develop training plan and	ICE	July 15, 2017	

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	curriculum, as appropriate.			
12) Authorize all officers and employees of the US to access and perform actions on Federal lands (Section 12)				
	Determine requirements	OGC	March 25, 2017	
	Coordinate MOAs or policy changes with the Department of the Interior	OGC	March 25, 2017	May include coordination with other departments or agencies
	Issue guidance for state, local, and federal employees re access.	OGC	March 25, 2017	
13) Attorney General shall prioritize prosecutions of offenses with a nexus to the Southern Border (Section 13)				
	Gather examples of applicable DHS cases and provide to DOJ	ICE	2/18/2017	
14) Statistical data on aliens apprehended at or near the Southern Border (Section 14)				
	Develop reporting strategy and format	PLCY	March 25, 2017	
	Establish data reporting protocols for monthly posting	PLCY	March 25, 2017	
15) EO Implementation Progress Report (Section 16)				
	Develop draft progress report for submission to the President	PLCY	April 1, 2017	

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	Circulate report for clearance	PLCY	April 1, 2017	
	Submit report to POTUS	PLCY	April 25, 2017	

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ENHANCING PUBLIC SAFETY IN THE INTERIOR				
Status	Tasks	Lead	Due Date	Key Progress/Issues
1) Enforcement Priorities (Section 5)				
	Review relevant policies, regulations and forms.	ICE	Immediate	
	Issue guidance directing application of the new enforcement priorities and rescind prior guidance	ICE	February 25, 2017	
	Develop plan to increase number of special agents and analysts to expand Operation Community Shield, both with TDY and permanent staff	ICE	February 25, 2017	
	Develop reporting mechanism and metrics to assess capacity and success of the new policy	ICE	February 15, 2017	
2) Civil Penalties and Fines (Section 6)				
	Identify all relevant civil fine/penalty provisions and recommend necessary guidance/regulatory changes.	ICE	February 17, 2017	
3) Hire and Train 10,000 ICE Immigration Officers – Operation Community Shield (Section 7)				
	Establish Integrated Project	USM/CHCO	Immediate	

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	Team on Hiring			
	Work with OPM to identify policies/processes to enhancing hiring capacity/abilities	USM/CHCO	February 15, 2017	
	Develop resource estimates for current and out-years	ICE	February 15, 2017	
	Develop phased hiring plan, including funding, facilities, and training needs	ICE	February 15, 2017	
	Identify ways to streamline veteran hiring efforts	CHCO	February 15, 2017	
	Assess FLETC capacity and develop necessary plan to support new hire training	FLETC	February 15, 2017	
	Initiate Hiring	ICE	February 28, 2017	
4) 287(g) Partnerships (Section 8 - See # 10 in Border Security EO)				
5) Hold Sanctuary Jurisdictions Accountable and Reestablish Secure Communities (Section 9)				
	Identify jurisdictions that fail to comply	ICE	Ongoing	
	Develop process for notification to jurisdictions that will lose federal grants for noncompliance	FEMA	February 28, 2017	
	Provide info on Federal grant	FEMA	Upon	

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	money received by sanctuary jurisdictions to OMB		request	
	Update electronic detainer form	ICE	February 15, 2017	
	Report detainer data to assess the impact of the program	ICE	February 28, 2017	
	Develop Declined Detainer Outcome Report and publicly post weekly	ICE	March 15, 2017	
6) Review Previous Immigration Actions and Policies (Section 10)				
	Terminate PEP and re-institute Secure Communities	ICE	Immediate	
	Review relevant policies, regulations, and forms, and rescind/amend/modify as appropriate	ICE	February 15, 2017	
7) DOJ Prosecutions of Immigration Violators (Section 11)				
	Develop a proposal for the creation of an immigration fraud center that will refer cases to the Document Benefit Fraud Task Force for action	ICE	February 25, 2017	
8) Recalcitrant countries (Section 12)				
	Intensify efforts to speed	ICE		

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	issuance of travel documents to facilitate removal efforts			
	Identify countries for potential visa sanctions	ICE		
	Accelerate 243(d) cooperation with DOS for countries identified by ICE as uncooperative	ICE		Coordinate with State
	Seek delegation of visa sanction triggering authority from DHS Secretary to ICE Director	OGC		
	Assess domestic and international resource needs to address recalcitrant countries and facilitate removal	ICE		
9) Office for Victims of Crimes (Section 13).				
	Identify resource needs and formulate plan for Victims Office of Immigration Crime (VOICE)	ICE		
10) Privacy Act Application (Section 14).				
	Rescind current policy re Privacy Act application to non-US persons and develop	OGC/PRIV		

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	new policy that will govern information handling in the future			
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11) EO Implementation Progress Report (Section 16)				
	Develop draft 90-day	PLCY	April 1, 2017	

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	progress report for submission to the President			
	Circulate report for clearance	PLCY	April 1, 2017	
	Submit report to POTUS	PLCY	April 25, 2017	
	Develop draft 180-day progress report for submission to the President	PLCY	July 1, 2017	
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12) Immigration Statistics (Section 16)				
	Develop mechanism for collecting data re status of detainees from BOP, Marshals and State Prisons	PLCY/OIS		
	Publish Reports with data quarterly	PLCY/OIS	Ongoing	

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PROTECTING THE NATION FROM FOREIGN TERRORIST TRAVEL				
Status	Tasks	Lead Component	Timeline	Key Progress/Issues
1) Suspension of issuance of visas and other immigration benefits to Nationals of countries of particular concern (Section 3)				
	Suspend non-immigrant entry of nationals from Iran, Iraq, Somalia, Sudan, Libya, Syria, and Yemen		January 27, 2017	
✓	Issue guidance to CBP, USCIS, TSA, and ICE staff	DHS FO	Immediate	
✓	Develop national interest waiver process for NIVs/LPRs	CBP	Immediate	
	Resume non-immigrant admission of nationals from Iran, Iraq, Somalia, Sudan, Libya, Syria, and Yemen after 90 days of issuance, depending on results of review		March 28, 2017	
2) Implement uniform screening standards for all immigration programs (Section 4)				
	Convene working group on data collection	I&A		
	Launch review to assess info needed from countries			
	Develop and execute communications and diplomatic engagement strategy			
	Produce report containing analysis on the results of foreign partner			

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	responses and recommendation on countries to be included or barred.			
	Submit initial report to POTUS		2/26/17	Follow on reports at 90 and 120 days.
	Produce operational implementation plan to make changes to forms, systems, regulations, public notices			
	Work with DOS to notify foreign governments that they have 60 days to provide necessary info			
	Convene Working group on vetting for immigration benefits (including refugees)	PLCY/SCO		
	Develop internal DHS recommendations on vetting enhancements			
	Coordinate with the IC and DOS on enhanced vetting options and produce a proposal for PCC/DC consideration	PLCY/SCO		
	Produce three general progress reports	PLCY/SCO	3/27/2017 + 100 days + 200 days	
3) Realignment of the US Refugee Admissions Program (USRAP) for FY 2017 (Section 5)				
	Suspend the refugee admissions program for 120 days	USCIS	January 27, 2017	
	Suspend all Syrian refugee admissions	USCIS	January 27,	

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	indefinitely		2017	
	Produce a report with results of review of the USRAP application and adjudication processes and procedures with recommendations on possible changes to ensure approved refugees do not pose a threat to the security of the US for leadership approval	USCIS		
	Produce a joint determination that in the countries where processing will resume, the additional processes in place are sufficient to ensure security and welfare of the US	USCIS	Prior to the resumption of USRAP	Coordinate with State, DNI
	Resume the USRAP, depending on review.	USCIS	March 28, 2017	
	Produce an operations plan to execute the EO's goal of prioritizing refugee claims made by individuals on the basis of minority religion-based persecution including, where necessary, recommending legislation to POTUS that would assist with prioritization	USCIS		
	Produce two general progress reports on implementation of prioritization of religious refugee claims	USCIS	May 8, 2017 September 18, 2017	

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	Develop an operational plan outlining US plans to admit 50,000 refugees in FY 17	USCIS		
	Produce recommendations for how state and locals may have greater involvement in refugee placement or resettlement decisions	USCIS		
	With DOS, produce a report on the estimated long-term costs of the USRAP at the federal, state, and local levels	USCIS		
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	Review existing exemptions and memoranda in effect under the TRIG process and make recommendations to leadership about rescinding them	OGC		
5) Expedited completion of the Biometric Entry-Exit Tracking System (Section 7)				
	Expedite the completion and implementation of the biometric entry-exit tracking system for all US-bound travelers	CBP		
	Produce three sets of progress reports and period reports thereafter	CBP	April 28, 2017 September 18, 2017 January 27, 2018	

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			Every six months after	
6) Visa interview security and reciprocity (Section 8 and 9)				
	Work with DOS to support Section 8 and 9 implementation as needed			
7) Transparency and data collection (Section 10)				
	Develop reporting mechanism to post data on foreign nationals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Charged/Convicted/Removed for terrorism - Radicalized - Gender based violence - Other major offenses 			

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Everyone—

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Lisette Kvortek will serve as the FOD working group coordinator and will work with the FDNS POC to organize the work. I'd ask that folks self-identify as a responsible party and name a POC representing your office. Since work is due on the 17th, we'd like to get started asap

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[REDACTED] You would still need to check the file for documents with other names but at least these additional names listed on the form would go into the up-front check, as opposed to the alias check downstream. So potentially you might find something just a little sooner rather than later.

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